



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review;**

**Evaluation of Resources to Support the Identification and Care of Children with Prenatal Substance or Alcohol**

**Exposure in the Child Welfare System (New Collection)**

**AGENCY:** Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Request for Public Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is proposing to collect data for an evaluation of a set of resources that are being developed to support the identification and care of children with prenatal substance or alcohol exposure in the child welfare system.

**DATES:** *Comments due within 30 days of publication.* The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must make a decision about the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the *Federal Register*. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30

days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review-Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description:* The proposed information collection effort will gather data from end users of a toolkit of resources sponsored by the Children's Bureau in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention under an interagency agreement. The toolkit is intended to support child welfare agency staff in the identification and support of children living with prenatal exposure to alcohol and other substances. The data collected will be used in a formative evaluation of the toolkit, which will be guided by three research questions: (1) To what degree do agency staff find toolkit resource to be relevant and applicable to their work?; (2) To what degree do toolkit resources change agency staff attitudes and increase staff knowledge?; (3) What implementation approaches and organizational supports facilitate toolkit use by child welfare agencies? Proposed data sources for this effort include five surveys: (1) a survey to measure users'

reactions to the toolkit; (2) a survey of users' attitudes toward Prenatal Alcohol Exposure (PAE)-related issues; (3) a survey of users' knowledge about PAE-related issues; and (4 and 5) two versions of a survey of transfer potential and perceived competence, which measures users' sense of competence in PAE-related knowledge and skills and the extent to which users believe they will transfer knowledge/skills to their work. One version of this instrument contains the full survey and will be administered after users have been exposed to the full toolkit and its resources. The second version contains a smaller selection of key items from the survey, tailored to collect information from users after their exposure to each of five key modules of the toolkit. All data will be collected over the course of 6-9 months in 2023.

*Respondents:* Child welfare professionals, including state and/or county-level directors of child welfare agencies; supervisors; program staff (e.g., investigation/intake, case management, foster care/adoption/permanency, etc.); staff working in specialist roles that align with toolkit resources (e.g., data/quality improvement specialists); local or state agency managers involved in determining agency strategic plans and practice guidance (e.g., substance-exposed newborn program manager); training system lead staff.

*Annual Burden Estimates*

Instrument	Total Number of Respondents	Total Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Total/ Annual Burden Hours
Survey of reactions to the toolkit	32	1	.05	2
Survey of attitudes	32	2	.17	11
Survey of PAE- related knowledge	32	3	.27	26
Survey of transfer potential and perceived competency	32	1	.09	3
Module-specific transfer potential and perceived competency items	32	5	.03	5

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 47

**Authority:** Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act  
Reauthorization Act, 42 U.S.C. 5105, (2010).

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